Statement

INDIAN AIRLINES

IA Fares Vis-a-Vis Domestic Fares in other Countries

S. No.	IA Sectors	Distance (KM)	Fare per pax KM (Rs)	Domestic Sectors of other Countries	Distance (KM)	Fare per pax KM (Rs)
1.	Delhi-Gwalior	274	5.74	London-Leeds	274	29.22
2.	Mumbai-Ahmedabad	442	4.74	Tokyo-Osaka	445	10.19
3.	Mumbai-Hyderabad	616	4.75	Peris-Toulouse	587	11.76
4.	Mumbai-Jodhpur	794	4.69	Sydney-Brisbane	749	10.21
5.	Bangalore-Mumbai	850	4.01	Montreal-Halifax	811	16.37
6.	Delhi-Pune	1150	4.59	Sydney-Adelaide	1133	8.30

Construction of Airport at Bilaspur

1721. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering setting up of an airport at Bilaspur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains an airstrip at Bilaspur suitable for operation of 30 seater aircraft.

Construction of New Airports during the Ninth Five Year Plan

1722. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to improve the domestic airports in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government have also a proposal to build new airports in the country during the above plan period; and

(c) if so, the funds earmarked for that purpose during the above plan period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1008.40 crores is earmarked for development of domestic airports and an amount of Rs. 13.43 crores for construction of new airport at Kargil and Rs. 5.05 crores for new airport at Hassan.

Productivity-linked Incentives given by Air India

1723. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual expenditure incurred on productivity-linked incentives given to the staff and productivity-linked bonus for agents in Air India; and

(b) whether Government have decided to abolish these benefits and if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Details of payment made during 1997-98 are as under:—

1. Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) to Staff: Rs. 133.83 crores.

2. Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) to agents: Rs. 49.67 crores.